

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for semantic qualification and contextualization of electronic messages. In one embodiment, electronic messages are enriched with semantic qualifiers to provide contextualization of the messages as well as to facilitate semantic based searching, and post-processing of the electronic messages. In one embodiment of the invention, a given electronic message and/or its constituent content elements may be contextualized through the provision of one or more semantic qualifiers to convey a single meaning or compound meanings. In one embodiment, the semantic qualifiers may be automatically (i.e. without further user input) associated with one or more content elements based upon e.g. one or more identified contexts, whereas in another embodiment the semantic qualifiers may be manually associated with one or more content elements through e.g. user input.